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SUBJECT: CCMS: SOLAR ENERGY MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-

REF: A) PARIS 19145; B) PARIS 19357

1. AS REF A CORRECTLY NOTED, FRENCH HAD NEVER INDICATED
INTEREST IN PREPARING AN OFFICIAL VERSION OF SOLAR MOU

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IN FRENCH. EMBASSY IS ALSO CORRECT IN POINTING OUT THAT

MOU HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT TO PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, SIGNED BY SEVEN, (US, CANADA, GREECE, AUSTRALIA, FRG, ISRAEL AND ITALY) AND INDICATIONS OF INTENT TO SIGN RECEIVED FROM DENMARK, BELGIUM, AND UK. A FRENCH DRAFTER (ROBERT) PARTICIPATED IN THE ORIGINAL DRAFTING GROUP AT THE 1974 SOLAR MEETING HELD IN FRANCE (ODEILLO). FRENCH WERE WELL AWARE LONG BEFORE APRIL, 1975 CCMS PLENARY AND CIRCULATION OF MOU FOR SIGNATURE THAT ONLY ENGLISH VERSION OF TEXT WAS BEING PREPARED. AT NO TIME EITHER BEFORE, DURING, OR SINCE PLENARY DID ANY FRENCH OFFICIAL -- RAISE ISSUE OF OFFICIAL FRENCH TEXT. MOU IS NOT, AS SUCH, A NATO AGREEMENT, BUT AN INTERAGENCY MOU DRAFTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF CCMS.

2. DEPT HAS DISCUSSED FRENCH SUGGESTIONS REPORTED REFTELS WITH ERDA. FRENCH DESIRE FOR RESERVATION SEEMS TO BE BASED ON MISUNDERSTANDING OF OBLIGATIONS OF MOU. DGEN WOULD UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES BE OBLIGATED TO FORWARD SCHEMES BELONGING TO PRIVATE COMPANIES, SINCE MOU DEALS ONLY WITH PUBLICLY-AVAILABLE SOLAR INFORMATION, AND NOT WITH MATERIAL COVERED BY PROPRIETARY RIGHTS. HENCE "PSEUDO-INVENTORS" SHOULD ALSO BE OF NO CONCERN TO FRENCH.

3. ERDA ASSUMES THAT ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES ARE PREPARING TRANSLATIONS FOR THEIR OWN USE AND HAS NO PROBLEM WITH FRENCH PREPARING WORKING TRANSLATION. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TEXT OF MOU, AS IT NOW EXISTS, IS, HOWEVER, TEXT WHICH BINDS ALL PARTICIPANTS IN INFORMATION EXCHANGE, INCLUDING, NATURALLY, FRANCE, WHEN IT SIGNS MOU. ERDA WOULD PREFER TO RECEIVE MOU WITHOUT INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT. HOWEVER APPROACH SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY REF B, PARA 4, IS ACCEPTABLE TO ERDA AND DEPT, ALTHOUGH, AS INDICATED ABOVE, (PARA 2) THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE REAL NEED FOR INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT SINCE MOU DOES NOT INVOLVE AREAS OF CONCERN TO FRENCH INDICATED REF A, PARA 1. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES IT POSSIBLE TO DISCOURAGE FRENCH FROM SUBMITTING STATEMENT, REQUEST EMBASSY DO SO. IF THIS DOES NOT APPEAR POSSIBLE, AND EMBASSY STILL BELIEVES INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT TO BE PRACTICAL AND EXPEDIENT, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO USE ITS OWN JUDGMENT IN REACHING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION.

4. US CCMS COORDINATORS FORESEE NO PROBLEMS WITH SUGGESTIONS REF A PARA 3 SHOULD FRENCH DECIDE TO PROPOSE SUCH GUIDELINES TO NATO IS AND OTHER ALLIED DELEGATIONS. FOUR STEPS OUTLINED, HOWEVER, DO APPEAR SOMEWHAT RIGID. US COORDINATORS HOPE VARIED NATURE OF WORK UNDERTAKEN BY CCMS WOULD NOT BE LIMITED BY PRESCRIPTION OUTLINED.

5. AS REQUESTED REF A PARA 6, FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF HARRIS/STUYCK-TAILLANDIER DISCUSSION (4 JULY): IN WIDE-RANGING LOOK AT ALL CURRENT CCMS ACTIVITIES, STUYCK-TAILLANDIER NOTED THAT HE HAD SUBMITTED QUERIES TO RELEVANT FRENCH MINISTRIES TO SOLICIT NEW PROJECT IDEAS, BUT AS OF 4 JULY, HAD RECEIVED NO RESPONSES. FRENCH PARTICIPATION AT PALO ALTO MEETING WAS DISCUSSED BUT NO MAJOR ISSUES WERE RAISED. NO MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN FUTURE PROJECTS AREA HAVE OCCURRED SINCE 4 JULY, BUT DEPT WILL KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF ANY PROPOSALS OF INTEREST TO FRENCH AS THEY DEVELOP.

6. ERDA IS PLEASED TO HEAR OF IMPENDING SIGNATURE OF MOU

BY DIRECTOR OF DGEN COLLE, AND LOOKS FORWARD TO COOPERATION WITH FRANCE UNDER THE SOLAR MOU. ERDA APPRECIATES DESCRIPTION OF DGEN (REF A PARA 4) PROVIDED BY EMBASSY.

7. FYI: EMBASSY CAN APPRECIATE RISK OF REOPENING MOU WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN SIGNED BY 7 COUNTRIES AND READIED FOR SIGNATURE BY 3 MORE. AS EMBASSY WELL UNDERSTANDS DEPT/ERDA HOPE TO AVOID FLOOD OF REQUESTS TO SUBMIT TRANSLATIONS AND/OR INTERPRETIVE STATEMENTS OF ENGLISH TEXT. DEPT APPRECIATES EFFORTS BY MFA CCMS COORDINATOR AND EMBASSY TO DEAL WITH DIFFICULT SITUATION.

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